

December 4, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Subject: Driver of Car #207

Sir:

Officer J. M. Valentine was operating Car #207, and this car was parked at Houston and Elm, and Valentine was assisting in the search of the School Depository Building.

The keys to Car #207 were given to Sgt. J. A. Putnam along with keys from other cars parked in the immediate vicinity, and released to the Third Platoon Commander at the City Hall at approximately 3:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



W. R. Westbrook
Captain of Police
Personnel Bureau

WRE:RW

December 2, 1963

STATEMENT OF J. M. VALENTINE:

I was working the 2nd Platoon on November 22, 1963, and was driving Police Car #207.

I was in the Juvenile Bureau when I was informed of the shooting of President Kennedy. I left immediately and went to the building where the President was shot.

I helped search this building for quite a length of time, and turned my keys over to Sergeant J. M. Putnam. I never did drive to Oak Cliff.

ASSIGNATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS 11/22/63

SUGGESTED LEAD

Dallas PD ascertain identity of officers in Squad Car 207 as approximately 1 pm, November 22, 1963 in front of 1026 Beckley, and if possible the reason for their cruising and stopping in front of this residence.

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Mrs EARLINE ROBERTS, 1026 Beckley, Dallas, Texas advised she could not furnish the exact time that Oswald returned to his room at 1026 Beckley after the assassination of the President but said a rough guess would be 1 pm. Mrs ROBERTS received a telephone call from a friend telling her the President had just been shot, and Mrs ROBERTS turned on the television and recalled the announcer saying President KENNEDY had just been shot and was at Parkland Hospital. Mrs ROBERTS advised after OSWALD returned and entered his room at about 1 pm on November 22, 1963 she looked out the front window and saw Police Car No. 207 with two uniformed policemen in the car which slowed up and stopped in front of the residence at 1026 Beckley, and one of the officers blew the horn on the car and then slowly drove on Beckley toward Bangs Boulevard. Mrs ROBERTS said the reason she recalled the number of the car was because she had worked for two policemen who drove Car 170, and she looked to see if these officers were the two officers she knew parked in front of the residence.

December 23, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry
Chief of Police

Sir:

The attached report concerns a lead from the F.B.I. regarding Dallas Police Car 207 stopping in front of 1026 N. Beckley at 1:00 p.m. on November 22, 1963.

Captain Westbrook ascertained that Squad Car 207 was at the City Hall when the officer driving the car, Patrolman J. M. Valentine, heard of the assassination. He went immediately to the scene of the shooting.

The keys to the car were released to Sergeant J. M. Putnam. Sergeant Putnam released the keys to the Third Platoon commander at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Captain Westbrook did not determine what police car was involved in this report.

Respectfully submitted,


O. A. Jones
Captain of Police

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